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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE- A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

Proof of Insurance Fine Notices to be Sent in the Mail

The Michigan Department of Treasury is sending letters to residents as a reminder that assessment notices for No Proof of Insurance violations, pursuant to the Driver Responsibility Act (PA 165 of 2003), will soon be sent to Michigan drivers who were cited for failing to provide proof of insurance. The Department of Treasury is collecting these fees under agreement with, and on behalf of, the Department of State. The Driver Responsibility Act took effect October 1, 2003. The first round of assessments were sent in February 2004.

Provisions in Public Act 52 of 2004 offered drivers who were cited between October 1, 2003 and April 30, 2004, a sixty-day window in which they could go to court to prove they were insured at the time they were cited. Doing so would remove their liability for a No Proof of Insurance fee. Those drivers who did not return to court by June 30, 2004 will be responsible for the assessed fee. Final notices will be sent to these individuals over the next several weeks.

To help you better understand this issue, the Department of Treasury and Secretary of State have developed a website dedicated to the Driver Responsibility issue. www.michigan.gov/driverlaw offers an in-depth review of the law, information on various Driver Responsibility Fees, frequently asked questions, and directions on how to pay a Driver Responsibility Fee.